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## EXPECT LANE CLOSURE ON GEORGIA 53 WEST AT LAKE LANIER THIS WEEKEND

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists in Hall County of a single lane closure on State Route (SR) 53 West at the bridge over Lake Lanier this weekend, starting tonight at 8:00 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. Monday morning. This weekend's single lane closure is intended to accommodate work on placing a third layer of polymer on the bridge deck. The additional layer of polymer on the bridge deck will help provide an even smoother ride.

The left lane of SR 53 at this location will be closed tonight to allow work on the additional layer of polymer. Once work on the left lane is complete, the contractor will close the right lane to complete the task and reopen it by 5:00 a.m. Monday morning.

This operation is part of a bridge rehabilitation project. This project includes the installation of cover plates, spall repair, installation of new bridge joints, application of a new wearing surface, repair/replacement of bearing assemblies, and painting existing superstructure. Work on the project began mid-October 2015. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2016, at a construction cost of \$2,942,722.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org). Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may like us on [Facebook](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and follow us on [Twitter](#) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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